(b) Yes, Sir. Import of Estrone, 16 DPA, DHA Acetate, Androstenolone and Androsterredione is allowed under OGL by actual users (industrial) only.

(c) to (e) The policy for the import of various items including drugs is decided in consultation with the concerned technical authorities keeping in view country's demand, production, installed capacity prices and other relevant factors.

There is a standing arrangement to review the policy from time to time and corrective measures are taken as and when the situation so warrants. These changes are notified by means of Public Notices published in Official Gazette, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Import of bulk drugs by certain companies

1129. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the bulk drugs and drug intermediates imported by Glaxo Laboratories, wyeth Laboratories, Hoechst Pharmaceuticals, Infar I Limited, Fairdeal Corporation Private Limited and German Remedies Limited under Open General Licence during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that these companies have imported certain drugs and drug intermediates which are not permissible under the Industries (Development and Regulations) Act;

(c) whether it is also a fact that one of the conditions of import under Open General Licence is to obtain permission under the above Act; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against these companies for contravention of the Import Policy?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Import statistics are not maintained firm-wise.

(b) An allegation of import in violation of the prescribed conditions has been received in respect of Glaxo Laboratories and the same is under investigation.

(c) No specific permission is required for OGL imports which, however, have to be in conformity with conditions of industrial licence/registration.

(d) Appropriate action will be taken under law if allegations are established.

Import of Mabendazole and Terbutline Sulphate under OGL

1130. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mabendazole and Terbutline Sulphate are allowed for import under Open General Licence;

(b) what are the reasons for including these drugs for import under Open General Licence when enough capacities for the production of these two drugs are available indigenously;

(c) whether his Ministry reviews the situation; if so, how many times in a year;

(d) whether there is any proposal to reconsider the list of drugs allowed for import under Open General Licence as per the existing Import Policy; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The policy for the import of various items including drugs is decided in consultation with the concerned technical authorities keeping in view country's demand, production, installed capacity, prices and other relevant factors.

There is a standing arrangement to review the policy from time to time and corrective measures are taken as and when the situation so warrants. These changes are notified by means of Public Notices published in Official Gazette, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.